

Draft of Inspection Article for Atom Pact

GENEVA, Jan. 18 (Reuters) —Following is the text of draft article III for the treaty on the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons agreed on by the Soviet Union and the United States:

ARTICLE III

1. Each nonnuclear-weapon state party to the treaty undertakes to accept safeguards, as set forth in an agreement to be negotiated and concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the agency's safeguards system, for the exclusive purpose of verification of the fulfilment of its obligations assumed under this treaty with a view to preventing diversion of nuclear energy from peace uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Procedures for the safeguards required by this article shall be followed with respect to source or special fissionable material whether it is being produced, processed or used in any principal nuclear facility or is outside such facility.

The safeguards required by this article shall be applied on all source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of such state, under its jurisdiction, or carried out under its control anywhere.

2. Each state party to the

treaty undertakes not to provide (a) source or special fissionable material, or (b) equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material, to any non-nuclear weapon state for peaceful purposes, unless the source or special fissionable material shall be subject to the safeguards required by this article.

3. The safeguards required by this article shall be implemented in a manner designed to comply with Article IV of this treaty, and to avoid hampering the economic or technological development of the parties or international cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, including the international exchange of nuclear material and equipment for the processing, use or production of nuclear material for peaceful purposes in accordance with the provisions of this article and the principle of safeguarding set forth in the preamble.

4. Nonnuclear weapon states party to the treaty shall conclude agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency to meet the requirements of this article either individually or together with other states in accordance with the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Negotiation on such agreements shall commence within

180 days from the original entry into force of this treaty.

For states depositing their instruments of ratification after the 180-day period, negotiation of such agreements shall commence not later than the date of such deposit.

Such agreements shall enter into force not later than 18 months after the date of initiation of negotiations.